

HOMICIDE IN THE "ARCH."

A RENT COLLECTOR KILLED IN THAT

**Knocked Down by a Young Negro whom he
had Reproved for Insulting a Colored Girl
—The Fall on the Pavement Proves Fatal.**

About midway between Delancy and Rivington streets there is an arched alley running straight through from Clinton to Suffolk street. It is a very old alley, and its origin starts off a branch pointing up toward Rivington street. These alleys are the foul, dark entrances to several groups of old, tumble-down frame houses, occupied exclusively by colored people of the poorest class. This place, which is known as "The Arch," has a very bad reputation. A good many rows have taken place there, and two years ago a policeman was shot while going past the entrance to the alley in Clinton street.

Samuel P. Diehm, a peaceable German of 81 Delancy street, was the agent for these roomies, acting for Mr. Pinckney of 82 Broadway. Mr. Diehm visited the tenants twice a month regularly to collect the rents. Last evening he entered the alley for that purpose, and when he got about the middle, or near the branch alley running off toward Rivington street, he saw a colored

other woman named Williams reeking a young colored man, Eugene Gardner, for having struck her little three-year-old boy. Gardner, who lives in Chrystie street, had been a frequent visitor at "The Arch" for a long time, and was known there as a desperate character. Recently he had been courted by a young colored girl, Annie Price, who lived with Mrs. Williams. Dielm knew Gardner well, and as he passed by he remarked to Mrs. Williams that he was going to prevent "those loafers from coming into the place." Dielm then passed on, finished collecting his rents, and when he went to pass out

He saw Gardner, who is said to be only 18 years old, in the same place. This time he was quarrelling with Annie, and threatening to knock her down. Diehm made some remark to him, at which Gardner, with an oath and a foul epithet, asked what he (Diehm) had to do with it. Thereupon the house agent asked Gardner to leave the place, which only brought out a repetition of Gardner's previous insulting remark. Again then pushed the colored man slightly, again asking him to go out. At this Gardner struck him and knocked him down. When Diehm went to assist

This took place just before dark, and Annie Price and another colored girl were the only witnesses. Gardner, as soon as he saw what he had done, fled. The Delancey street police were notified, and several men were sent out to search for him, taking Annie Price along to identify him. Gardner lived at 143 Chrystie

street. The police took the girl there and sent her in alone to see if Gardner was there. He was not, but his elder brother, Charles, was there, and as soon as he saw Annie he struck her and ordered her out. The police then arrested Charles for assault and battery; but up to a late hour they had not succeeded in finding the murderer.

LIGHTNING IN WINFIELD.

The Interior of a House Badly Damaged.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the course of a severe thunder storm, lightning struck the house of John Knapp, in Winfield, L. I. It passed from the chimney into the second story, and did much damage, blackening the ceilings and hurling down the pictures that were hanging on the walls. In the first story it did more damage than in the second. It fell from the roof on the

Mr. Knapp was, at the moment of the lightning stroke, standing on a stepladder in his barn, about a hundred feet distant from his house. He was hurled from the ladder. His little boy, about 5 years old, was standing near the ladder, and was prostrated by the shock. The effect upon him was so severe that he was thought to be in a critical condition when

taken into the house. Mr. Knapp soon recovered from the stroke. There was no one in the house when it was struck, Mrs. Knapp and one of her children having gone to the house of a neighbor.

WHEN CONGRESS WILL ADJOURN.

The House Giving Evidence of a Desire for a Speedy Close of the Session.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The House agreed

to-day unanimously to meet hereafter at 11 A. M., one hour earlier than the usual time of meeting. This is substantial evidence of the desire of the members for a speedy adjournment. It was reported prior to to-day's session that some member had a resolution prepared for final adjournment on the 28th inst. No such resolution was introduced, however, and Speaker Randall was not informed of its exist-

ence. The speaker is in a position that Congress can adjourn on Monday, the 31st inst., after passing all the appropriation bills. The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bills were reported to the House to-day, and will be considered to-morrow. The Sundry Civil and General Deficiency appropriation bills remain yet to be reported, and both measures are under consideration by the Committee on Appropriations. Unless the River and Harbor bill is passed under suspension of the rules next Monday it will find the graveyard so rich in graves, and the subject

The Death of Peter Hill, Starter.

Peter Hill, the starter of the Fourth avenue and Madison avenue cars at the Thirty-second street depot, died last Saturday at his home, 215 East Forty-fifth street. For seventeen years he had been timekeeper and starter, and was known and respected by the public.

of the company, but to a large number of the traveling public. He was sixty-eight years old. He was born in Hungary. "He's not known," said Sam Perle, president of Brown, "but he should be said of him. His life was quiet and uniform. You'd never know he was a man strictly honest in all his dealings." Another employee of the company, to whom the report was referred, said, "He was a man fair to the company and fair to the other men." Last evening the funeral services were held at his late home, 1000 W. 12th st., and his son and daughter live, and this morning his remains will be borne on the 10 o'clock Harlem train to the Unionville Cemetery. A representation of the employees of the

Killing a Wildcat and Saving Her Child.
KINGSTON, N. Y., May 10.—For several days past it had been reported that a wildcat was roaming the woods in the neighborhood of Rhantakon. Two or three persons had seen the animal, but, being unarmed, did not dare venture to attack it. On Saturday afternoon last, as the four-year-old child of Charles Schmoenaker,

was playing near the house, its mother heard it scream for help. Running from the house, she found the animal being attacked by some wild animal. Seeing a fiery stick, she went to the child's assistance. The wild animal for such a time, with eyes sparkling like fire, jumped for the mother and tried to scratch her. She, however, being a strong and courageous woman, managed to hurt the animal from her hind, by a few well-sliced blows, to end its life. It measured over five feet from its head to tip of tail, and weighed twenty-seven pounds. The child was badly scratched, and but for the prompt arrival of its mother, would have been killed.

Engene D'Artie Mapes, aged 6, in playing in front of his parents' house in Brooklyn on May 6, with a piece of an umbrella rib in his mouth, fell forward on his face, driving the iron through his jaw into the base of the brain. His mother, attempting to withdraw the iron, used all the force of which she was capable, but failed. Seizing her child in her arms, she ran to Dr. Huxley's home and there the piece of iron was extracted. The child died.

The mother, who was almost heartbroken, gave her testimony before Coroner Smith on Sunday so affecting that the jury was moved to tears.

Shot Himself from Love for a Married Man.

Miss Mary Stein, proprietress of a lager beer saloon at 105 Forsyth street, went into the back yard last night and fired a ball from a pistol into her chest. She said that she did not wish to live any longer. The ball could not be extracted and she lies in Chambers Street Hospital, unable to recover. Her father, Morris Stein of 102 Hudson street, said that she was much attached to Edward King, her barkeeper, but that it did not seem likely that she was poisoned by him. He said that she kept in a shop in the neighborhood of

The Thermometer in New York Yesterday.
At Hudnut's Pharmacy at 3 A. M. 61°; 6, 68°;
9, 72°; 12, 82°; 3 P. M., 91°; 6, 72°; 9, 65°; 12, 60°.

The Signal Office Prediction.
For the Middle Atlantic States, warmer southerly winds, partly cloudy weather, possible rain, followed by cooler northwest winds, rising barometer, and clearing weather.

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